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Amendment B

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Amendments to the Specification

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Please replace the first full paragraph on Page 14, Lines 1-18 with the following amended paragraph:

Still referring to FIG. 11, the directional switch unit 203 is mounted on the rear face of the handle 37 generally adjacent one of the traverse switch units 201 for ease of reaching and operating the ~~directional switch unit~~ directional switch unit 203 simultaneously with the ~~traverse switch unit~~ the traverse switch unit 201 using only one hand. The directional switch unit 203 comprises a housing 225 recessed into the rear face of the handle 37 and a ~~push button type~~ directional switch 227 that is a push button type and disposed in ~~the housing~~ the housing 225 and extending outward therefrom. The directional switch 227 is also in electrical communication with the drive motor 30 and is movable between an extended position in which the ~~switch 227~~ directional switch 227 is positioned relatively outward of the housing 225 and a depressed position in which ~~the switch~~ the directional switch 227 is moved inward from its extended position relative to the housing. In the extended position, no signal is sent by the ~~switch 227~~ directional switch 227 to the drive motor 30 such that the scrubber 21 is controlled to move forward in response to operation of the scrubber in its traverse mode. In the depressed position, a signal is sent by the directional switch 227 to the drive motor 30 to control movement of the scrubber 21 in a reverse direction in the traverse mode of the floor scrubber. A spring (not shown) in the housing 225 biases the ~~directional switch 117~~ directional switch 227 to its extended position.

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Please replace the first full paragraph on Page 19, Lines 14-30 that continues on Page 20, Lines 1-3 with the following amended paragraph:

The quick-release ~~mechanism~~ mechanism 351 is then moved to its clamped configuration (FIG. 14B), thereby tensioning the hook 363 and urging the bracket 357 of the quick-release mechanism 351 ~~clamp 351~~ generally inward against the mounting surface 355 of the mounting member 353. This results in the bracket 357 and mounting surface 355 moving into generally parallel relationship with the hook member 361, with the rear blade 341 secured between the spacer 327 and the clamping band 343. As the quick-release mechanism 351 is moved to its clamped configuration, the clamping band 343 is pulled lengthwise toward the post 345 about which the ~~hook 361~~ hook 363 is seated (e.g., to the right in FIGS. 14A and 14B), causing the wedging member 349 at the other end of the ~~clamping band~~ clamping band 343 to wedge between the post 345 and the ~~clamping band~~ clamping band 343 such that the ~~clamping band~~ clamping band 343 becomes tensioned by the lengthwise pulling of the ~~quick-release mechanism~~ quick-release mechanism 351. This tensioning of the clamping band 343 urges the ~~clamping band~~ clamping band 343 to flex forward toward the retaining flange 307. The forward movement of the clamping band 343 further urges the rear blade 341, the spacer 327 and the forward blade 325 to move forward relative to the assembly plate 301 and retaining flange 307 so that the ~~forward blade~~ forward blade 325 becomes clamped between the ~~retaining flange~~ retaining flange 307 and the front face 329 of the ~~spacer~~ spacer 327 and the ~~rear blade~~ rear blade 341 becomes clamped between the rear face 331 of the ~~spacer~~ spacer 327 and the ~~clamping band~~ clamping band 343.